

Arthur Ellis Awards: Special Edition

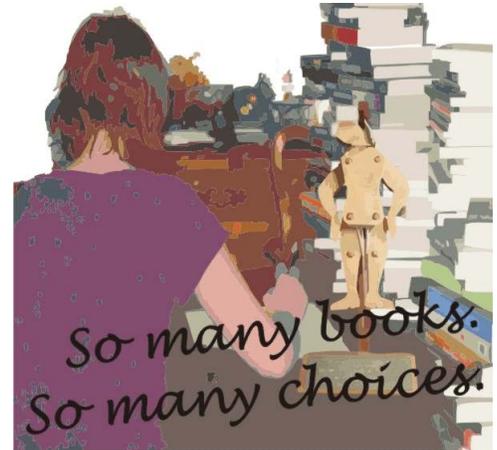
The Judging Process

by Linda Wiken, Jury Chair

How is a box of books pared down to four or five of the best? It's a tough job...but somebody has to do it.

Each year, CWC enlists the aid of reviewers, academics, authors and readers as judges in the Arthur Ellis Awards – 3 for each of the 6 published categories and the best unpublished contest. Books are shipped to them. They read, then compare notes based on guidelines provided by CWC. And the result ...shortlists! From that group the

judges pick the winners, which are kept in strict confidence until the reveal at the Arthur Ellis Awards Banquet.



And the Winners are...

Best Novel – **HOWARD SHRIER** *High Chicago*

Best First Novel – **ALAN BRADLEY** *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

Best Non-Fiction – **TERRY GOULD** *Murder Without Borders*

Best Juvenile – **BARBARA HAWORTH-ATTARD** *Haunted*

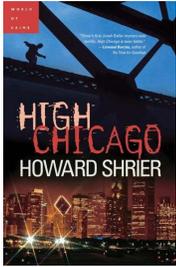
Best Crime Writing in French – **JEAN LEMIEUX** *Le mort du chemin des Arsene*

Best Short Story -- **DENNIS RICHARD MURPHY** "Prisoner in Paradise"

Best Unpublished First Crime Novel – **GLORIA FERRIS** *The Corpse Flower*

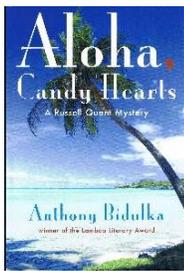


Best Crime Novel & Finalists



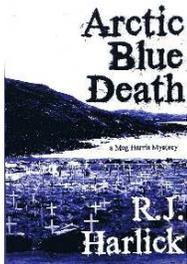
Author: **Howard Shrier**
Title: **High Chicago**
Publisher: Vintage Canada (Random House)

Toronto investigator Jonah Geller has opened his own agency, World Repairs, with best friend and partner Jenn Raudsepp. Asked to investigate the apparent suicide of a young woman, they're drawn into the high-stakes world of construction and development on a long-neglected parcel of Toronto's waterfront.



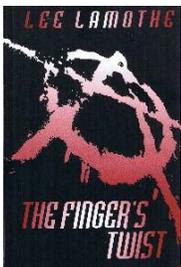
Author: **Anthony Bidulka**
Title: **Aloha, Candy Hearts**
Publisher: Insomniac Press

From Pacific to Prairie, a teasing treasure hunt turns into a frightening game of cat and mouse. P.I. Russell Quant is plunged into the vagaries of a shocking hometown murder and the blasphemous blackmail of one of the literary world's most esteemed writers.



Author: **R. J. Harlick**
Title: **Arctic Blue Death**
Publisher: RendezVous Crime

Meg Harris's father's plane went missing in the Arctic. He was never seen again. Thirty-six years later, her mother receives strange Inuit drawings that suggest he might have survived. Meg travels to Iqaluit and soon finds herself sucked into the world of Inuit art forgery and murder.



Author: **Lee Lamothe**
Title: **The Finger's Twist**
Publisher: Ravenstone

Charles and Elodie are hired to investigate a bombing attempt at the Ontario legislature, purportedly committed by an anarchist group called The Black Bloc. While the city drops into paranoia fuelled by the police and the mayor, Charlie and Elodie try to keep the black sheep daughter of a prominent family from a certain prison sentence.

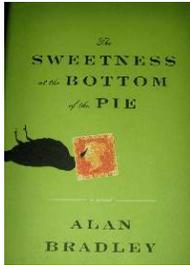


Author: **James W. Nichol**
Title: **Death Spiral**
Publisher: McArthur & Co.

Returning home a hero, celebrated WWII fighter pilot Wilf McLauchlin is immediately plunged into a series of bizarre murders, which he tries to solve. But when the trail leads back to Wilf, he must face those last days of the war before he can make a shattering connection.

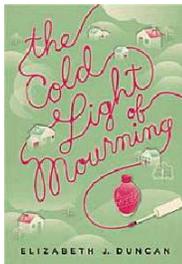


Best First Crime Novel & Finalists



Author: **Alan Bradley**
Title: **The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie**
Publisher: Doubleday Canada

Flavia de Luce has a taste for poison. It is 1950 and eleven year-old Flavia, armed with a Victorian chemistry lab, is out to solve a murder - unafraid and morbidly fascinated. Agatha nominee and winner of the 2009 Dilys Award.



Author: **Elizabeth Duncan**
Title: **The Cold Light of Mourning**
Publisher: Minotaur Books

The Welsh town of Llanelen is shocked when posh bride Meg Wynne Thompson goes missing on her wedding day. The last person believed to have seen her is manicurist Penny Brannigan, an expatriate Canadian. With her new friend, Victoria, Penny sets out to find the killer.



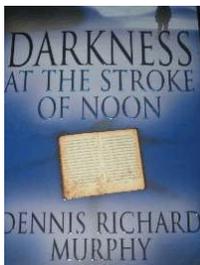
Author: **C. B. Forrest**
Title: **Weight of Stones**
Publisher: RendezVous Crime

Detective Charlie McKelvey is nearing the end of his career, but his life has been stuck on pause since the murder of his runaway teenage son. McKelvey has fingered a biker named Pierre Duguay for the murder. But is Duguay the right man or has McKelvey become blinded by his grief?



Author: **Eugene Meese**
Title: **A Magpie's Smile**
Publisher: NeWest Press

When the scalped remains of a Jane Doe are discovered, Detective Jake Fry is assigned the task of hunting down Calgary's most disturbed murderer. Working against a rising body count and police department politics, Fry must relentlessly pursue a murderer with an agenda no one but he can comprehend.



Author: **Dennis Richard Murphy**
Title: **Darkness at the Break of Dawn**
Publisher: HarperCollins

As twenty-four hours of darkness falls on a remote Arctic island, two mysterious deaths reveal a mystery with international implications. Published posthumously.

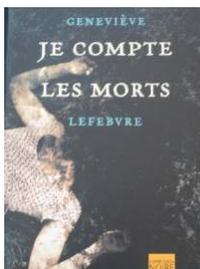


Best French Crime Book & Finalists



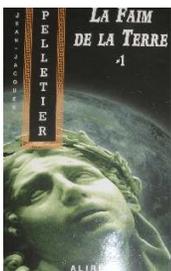
Author: **Jean Lemieux**
Title: **Le mort du chemin des Arsène**
Publisher: la courte échelle

As he prepares to leave his post in Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Detective Sergeant Andrew Surprenant finds the corpse of a man. A rifle resting on his legs, the doors locked, everything suggests he committed suicide. A detective story full of twists and humour, featuring a gallery of colourful characters.



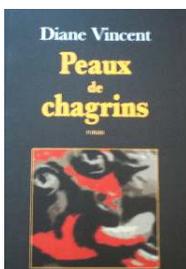
Author: Genevieve Lefebvre
Title: **Je compte les morts**
Publisher: Les Éditions Libre Expression

“I count the dead” is the first novel by veteran screen writer, director and translator, Genevieve Lefebvre.



Author: **Jean-Jacques Pelletier**
Title: **La Faim de la Terre 1 & 2**
Publisher: Éditions Alire Inc.

The hunger for land is the final episode of the series Managers of the Apocalypse, a plot where the future of humanity is played against a backdrop of eco-terrorism.

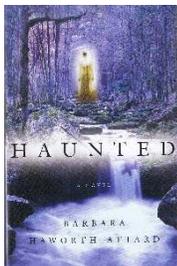


Author: **Diane Vincent**
Title: **Peaux de chagrins**
Publisher: Les Editions Triptyques

Josette Marchand, masseuse, and Vincent Bastianello, an inspector with the Montreal Police, have strange friends. A work of art looted, a vandalized workshop, teens and missing patches of skin found here and there, launch Marchand and Bastianello on the trail of the elusive, the guilty, and the cruel.

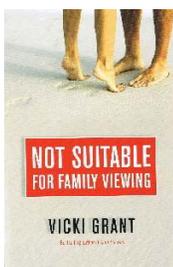


Best Juvenile Crime Book & Finalists



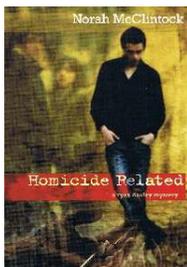
Author: **Barbara Hayworth-Attard**
Title: **Haunted**
Publisher: HarperCollins

Like her Gran, Dee has “the sight,” an ability not only to see spirits from the afterlife but also to experience their deaths -- a quality that becomes more horrifying as the story takes darker turns. Dee is drawn into a deepening mystery that soon strikes terrifyingly close to home.



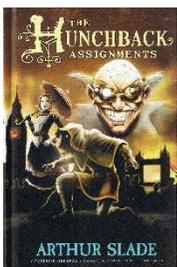
Author: **Vicki Grant**
Title: **Not Suitable for Family Viewing**
Publisher: HarperCollins

Thanks to her mother—the internationally beloved talk show host Mimi Schwartz—Robin’s got the money, the means and the connections to make even her wildest dreams come true. So why, then, does she choose to sit alone in a dark room watching endless reruns?



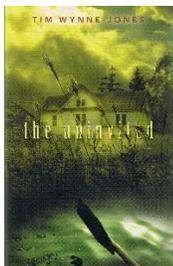
Author: **Norah McClintock**
Title: **Homicide Related: A Ryan Dooley Mystery**
Publisher: Red Deer Press

Ryan Dooley continues to struggle against circumstances that would defeat most teenagers, let alone kids who have been in serious trouble with the law. Dooley (as he prefers to be known) was involved in a break and enter a few years ago, served his time, and is now living with his hard-nosed uncle, a former cop.



Author: **Arthur Slade**
Title: **The Hunchback Assignments**
Publisher: HarperCollins

There are rumours that a hunchback infant in a gypsy freak show has the power to transform his appearance. This comes to the attention of Mr. Socrates, a member of the shadowy Permanent Association. Naming him Modo.

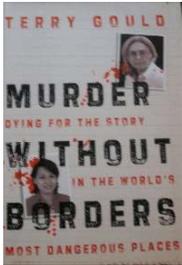


Author: **Tim Wynne-Jones**
Title: **The Uninvited**
Publisher: Candlewick

Mimi Shapiro had a disturbing freshman year at NYU. So when her artist father offers the use of his remote Canadian cottage, she’s glad to drive up north. The house is fairy-tale quaint, and the key is hidden right where her dad said it would be, so she’s shocked to find someone already living there.

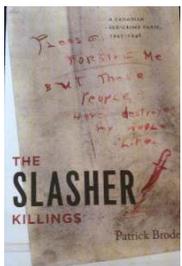


Best Crime Nonfiction & Finalists



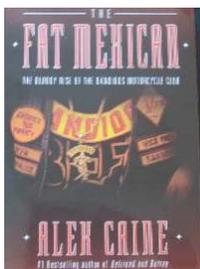
Author: **Terry Gould**
Title: **Murder Without Borders**
Publisher: Random House of Canada

What makes a poor, small-town journalist stay on a story even though threatened with certain death and offered handsome rewards for looking the other way?



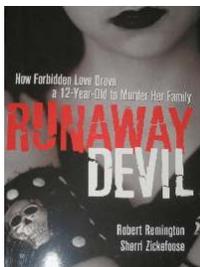
Author: **Patrick Brode**
Title: **The Slasher Killings**
Publisher: Painted Turtle Press

As the city of Windsor celebrated the end of World War II and the return of its troops with parades and public revelry, the industrial city was shaken by a series of brutal stabbings.



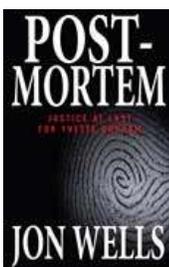
Author: **Alex Caine**
Title: **The Fat Mexican**
Publisher: Random House of Canada

Having once infiltrated the Bandidos for three years in a landmark police operation, Alex Caine is uniquely positioned to reveal the untold story of the Hells Angels' fiercest rivals.



Author: **Robert Remington and Sherri Zickefoose**
Title: **Runaway Devil**
Publisher: McClelland

Runaway Devil is the true story of Canada's youngest multiple killer: a middle-class, 12-year-old honour roll student from the suburbs who murdered her family with the help of her 23-year-old boyfriend, an aspiring death metal songwriter and self-professed werewolf.



Author: **Jon Wells**
Title: **Postmortem**
Publisher: John Wiley & Sons

In April 2001, a jogger finds a human skeleton. The jogger phones 911, and homicide investigators from the police service in Hamilton, report to the scene, setting in motion an incredible investigation, a "true CSI story" in which detectives must first find the victim before they can find the killer.



Best Crime Short Story & Finalists



Author: **Denis Richard Murphy**
Title: **Prisoner in Paradise**
Publisher: Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine

"Dennis Richard Murphy had his fiction debut in EQMM in 2003, won an Arthur Ellis Award for the 2006 EQMM story "Fuzzy Wuzzy" and became a friend to us all at Dell Magazines. It was with great sadness that we learned of his death in June 2008..." (EQMM, January, 2009)



Author: **Rick Mofina**
Title: **Backup**
Publisher: Ottawa Magazine

"I looked back at my mom and now she looked like she was crying and I could see the TV and it was all shaky like looking down from a helicopter. And I was freaking out because a voice in my head was shouting at me like "Do something!""



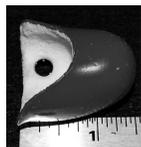
Author: **James Petrin**
Title: **Nothing is Easy**
Publisher: Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine

"Halifax rocked with one headline grabber after another. Ernie Caul, pulled out of the harbour... Joe Proulx, crushed under a steel plate at the container dock... Tommy Jakes and Hector Sappoda, a double whack."



Author: **Twist Phelan**
Title: **Time Will Tell**
Publisher: MWA Presents the Prosecution Rests (Little Brown)

"Lauren Winslow swept into my office a half hour after my secretary left, twenty minutes before Security came on duty downstairs. As slim as fading hope, she wore a long sapphire sheath that was sexy and modest at the same time."



Author: **James Powell**
Title: **Clowntown Pajamas**
Publisher: Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine

"Chief Inspector Bozo of the Clowntown Homicide Squad stepped from his office wearing a fedora between his side-tufts of bright orange hair, hair which had turned purple at the temples giving him a distinguished look."

Best Unpublished First Crime Novel & Finalists



Author: **Gloria Ferris**

Title: **Corpse Flower**

When not writing mystery novels, Gloria is a senior editor with Warner Ferris Editorial Services. Her first novel, *Cheat the Hangman*, was shortlisted for the Unhanged Arthur in 2009. Her second novel, *Corpse Flower*, she hints that small towns can be murder! When the body of a co-worker is discovered in the tool shed of a south-western Ontario cemetery, a crime spree is unleashed, dragging the female protagonist into perilous, and often humorous, dilemmas .



Author: **Pam Barnsley**

Title: **This Cage of Bones**

Pam Barnsley is a former newspaper reporter and snowboard instructor whose work has appeared in magazines, ad copy, and on CBC television and radio. Harbour Publishing published her non-fiction book *Hiking Trails of the Sunshine Coast*. Her short mystery stories have appeared in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* and *Storyteller Canada*. She has just completed her mystery novel *This Cage of Bones*, set in Whistler in the world of Paralympic athletes, and she is working on the next in the series, *Bed of Lies*.



Author: **Deryn Collier**

Title: **Confined Space**

Deryn Collier has had more jobs than she'd care to admit. She's worked in 5-star restaurants, at a government inquiry, in a log yard and at a brewery. So when she started writing *Confined Space*, it only made sense to write about occupational safety – and murder. Deryn is originally from Montreal and has a BA from McGill University. She now lives in the interior of BC with her husband and two sons. She works as a freelance writer and physician recruiter by day, and writes mysteries in the wee hours of the morning.

Best Unpublished First Crime Novel & Finalists



Author: **Blair Hemstock**

Title: **Bait of Pleasure**

Blair Hemstock began life when he learned to read at the age of four. Nobody would pay him for reading mysteries, so he earned a PhD from McMaster University and now teaches college in Fort McMurray, Alberta. He analyzes James Joyce by day and enjoys Rex Stout by night. Happily, wife Jennifer is also a writer and a reader and together they publish *NorthWord: A Literary Magazine of Canada's North* with friends. *A Bait of Pleasure* is his first novel. "If I ever write an autobiography, it will simply list all the books I've read."



Author: **Peter Kirby**

Title: **Putting Them Down**

Peter Kirby was born in Ireland and grew up in Brixton, one of South London's poorest neighbourhoods. After high school he cooked in greasy spoons in New York City, Toronto and Montreal, often serving breakfasts to cops, criminals and assorted lowlifes. In Montreal, Peter got serious, went to university and studied law at McGill University. He now practices international trade law and international arbitration in one of Canada's largest law firms and sometimes writes sleep-inducing articles on arcane points of international law. In his spare time, he writes crime and mystery short stories. "*Putting Them Down*" is his first novel.



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